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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### ***PROVO TAX RETURN PREPARER CHARGED WITH ASSISTING IN THE PREPARATION OF FALSE TAX RETURNS***

SALT LAKE CITY – Ruben Uribe, who has been preparing federal and state individual income tax returns at his Provo-based business since at least 2005, has been charged with 27 counts of aiding and assisting in the preparation of false tax returns in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury Thursday afternoon in Salt Lake City.

According to the indictment, Uribe assisted numerous clients in the preparation of their individual income tax returns for the years 2005 through 2008. The indictment alleges Uribe advised the taxpayers to include false information on their tax returns which reduced the taxpayers' total tax liability and, in many cases, resulted in the clients receiving refunds.

The various methods Uribe employed to reduce his clients' tax liabilities included creating and falsifying itemized deductions; creating false business deductions; and reporting as dependants children who did not qualify as the clients' dependants under the Internal Revenue Service code, according to the indictment. To claim someone as a dependant, a taxpayer

must resident with the dependant and provide at least half of the dependant's material support.

A summons will be issued to Uribe to appear for an initial appearance on the indictment. The potential maximum penalty for each count of the indictment is up to three years in federal prison. An indictment is not a finding of guilt. Individuals charged by indictment are presumed innocent unless or until proven guilty in court.

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